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"IN THE NAME OF OUR GOD, WE WILL SET UP OUR BANNERS"

VOLUME V. WOODLAND, CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY, 1911. NUMBER V.

Legislature.

After passing the senate judiciary committee by a vote of thirteen to three, the suffrage constitutional amendment passed the senate by a vote of thirty-three to five. The vote was as follows:

THE WOMEN WIN

Ayes—Avey, Bell, Bills, Birdsall, Black, Boynton, Bryant, Burnett, Caminetti, Campbell, Cartwright, Cassidy, Curtin, Cuttin, Estudillo, Finn, Gates, Hare, Hewitt, Juilliard, Larkins, Regan, Roseberry, Rush, Shanahan, Stetson, Strobridge, Thompson, Tyrell, Welche and Walker.

Noes—Hans, Sanford, Martinelli, Wolfe and Wright.

Not voting—Lewis.

Absent—Beeban.

Local option was argued before the public morals committee of the Assembly in the Assembly Chamber. Those who spoke in favor of the bill were D. M. Gandier of Oakland, Judge McDaniel of Marysville, Chester H. Rowell, editor of the Fresno Republican, and J. O. Davis of Hollister.

LOCAL OPTION BILL

The liquor interests were represented by Dr. Austin Adams of San Diego, George E. Farwell of the United States Brewery Association, A. Sbarboro, president of the Italian-Swiss colony and H. F. Stolt, secretary of the wine-growers' association, all of whom made speeches against the adoption of the bill.

Andrea Sbarboro said: "I propose to assist in removing, or at least minimizing, the evil of drunkenness from this state. One of the first means of wiping out the drunkenness which exists is to reform the drunkards themselves. Every person arrested on the streets in a drunken condition should be put in jail. The next step will be for our government to give a ration of wine at table to all its soldiers and sailors in the army and navy."

SBARBORO HAS WINE TO SELL!

Wiping out drunkenness by putting drunken men in jail and furnishing young men with wine free at all their meals is in line with another recommendation made by Sbarboro—feeding wine to nursing babies to prevent drunkenness—and is just as absurd and unreasonable.

LIQUOR MEN ACTIVE

Of course the liquor men are active against the local option bill. They are trying to side-track it on the claim that the general direct legislation bill covers the subject. Hichborn says:

"The practical answer to this is that it is shown that the liquor interests are willing to accept the initiative with a ten percentage of the vote requirement, and fight to the last ditch a local option law where the vote requirement is twenty-five per cent.

"The liquor interests know very well that the character of their business requires special treatment. In the first place, after a territory has gone "wet' or "dry," there should be some definite term fixed during which the condition shall continue. The local option bill fixes the term at two years.

"The people of Oregon, for example, understand this perfectly. About the first thing they did after securing direct legislation was to invoke the initiative to secure a local option law.

"Then again, under direct legislation alone, there would be no uniformity of liquor laws throughout the state; under local option, such laws will be uniform.

"Then again, the passage of a local option law will remove all incentive on the part of the liquor interests to fight direct legislation.

"With a local option law on the statute books the liquor interests will have no reason to work to prevent the ratification of the direct legislation amendment which will probably be submitted to the people next year. But if the local option law fails of passage, then the liquor interests will do their best to prevent the ratification of the direct legislation amendment.

"Two years ago, the members of the senate were in a panic lest the liquor interests "punish" any senator who voted for the local option bill. However, twelve members of the senate voted for the bill. Five of the twelve—Bell, Boynton, Cartwright, Black and Wright—were candidates for re-election last November. Everyone of them was re-elected. To be sure, the "liquor interests" did "fight them," both at the primaries and at the final election. But the liquor interests are not so potent or dangerous to the political future of decent men as they would have us believe.

NOT AFRAID NOW

"It will also be remembered that the "liquor interests" disputed the election of Lieutenant Governor Wallace.

"It is curious to note, in this connection, that nine senators—Anthony, McCartney, Kennedy, Willis, Price, Leavitt, Reily, Weed and Hartman—who voted against the local option bill of two years ago, were not re-elected to sit in the senate of 1911."

The purpose of the local option bill, now before the legislature is to enable the people of any city, or of any county outside of cities, by direct vote to absolutely prohibit the local sale of alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes and yet not interfere with their proper use. Among the provisions of the bill are the following:

SUMMARY OF THE BILL.

When twenty-five per cent of the voters in any incorporated city or in that part of any county outside of incorporated cities ask for a vote on the local liquor license question, it must be granted. This vote may be at either a special or general election, but the question cannot be voted on in the same territory oftener than two years. If at such election the majority do not favor license, sixty days later the city or county in which the election was held becomes no-license territory.

One exception refers to private homes. These are exempted, not because drinking there is approved, but because men are loathe to have their private homes even seem to be under police surveillance.

Wineries and breweries are not prohibited from manufacturing vinous and malt liquors, receiving orders, and shipping them; provided they are not delivered to any person or place in no-license territory. Under this bill once a place has voted dry it remains so for two years, and thereafter until twenty-five

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"How Beautiful to be With God."

"Earth dims away. The shadows gray
Are gilded with the light of Heaven·
And from afar beyond the stars
That sparkle on the brow of Even,
A call I hear; that soundeth clear,
Across the shadowy, swelling flood;
The breezes blow whose breath I know
Will bear me on to Heaven and God.

I spread the sail to catch the gale;
And lightly o'er the tossing main,
My frail bark goes, my Helmsman knows
The happy harbor I must gain.
Oh, joy divine! A light doth shine!
Oh, radiant vision grand and fair!
The face I see, whose brow for me
The cruel crown of thorns did wear!

My whole heart sings, my glad soul springs
To meet our gracious, glorious Lord.
Great peace doth fill, great joy doth thrill
My spirit at his welcoming word—
My willing feet in service sweet,
Earth's dusty highways gladly trod.
Now with with the blest in heavenly rest,
How beautiful to be with God."

President's Letter.

My Dear Comrades:

If I were able, I would like so much to convey to you the magnitude of the legislative work that we are endeavoring to carry out this year.

We have never attempted anything before so great, and personally I would be overwhelmed with the responsibility did I not believe that it is according to the will and plan of God. We felt impelled, because of existing conditions and the great need of such work being done, to send for Mr. John B. Hammond of Iowa, to come to California to do campaign work for the presentation of a bill at the present legislature similar to the Red Light Injunction and Abatement Law of Iowa. We realized the need and feared to delay this matter would be a lost opportunity, yet would not have dared to have taken such an aggressive move had we not had faith in the loyalty of the women of the W. C. T. U., in our state.

At a meeting of the official board which was held at headquarters on the 20th of January a conference was held with Mr. Hammond at which time he presented his methods and plans for the legislative campaign which were very satisfactory.

The next forenoon a very notable gathering was held in the interest of this work in the Assembly Hall at headquarters. At this time Mr. Hammond gave a masterly address, showing not only the need of such a law being passed in California, but the effectiveness of it in Iowa. This law places the power of enforcement with the people rather than having to depend upon officials who are often so lax in the performance of duty.

Judge Lindsay of Denver, was present and spoke; also Dr. David Starr Jordan who gave no uncertain sound upon this great question.

Dr. Bovard spoke and pledged the support of the California Christian Advocate to this work.

There were words of encouragement from a number of others, among them our Mrs. Annie K. Bidwell and Mrs. B. Sturtevant-Peet.

We are engaged in a great conflict and should have the hearty cooperation and support of every home loving man and woman of California.

I appeal to you dear sisters for your prayers, for your prompt and ready assistance, and for financial aid.

The response for legislative work thus far has been very good; but it will not meet the demands.

Please ask for personal donations to this work of those outside of the W. C. T. U., as well as of members. We need money not only for the legislative work but to do educational work through the sending out of literature. The boys and the girls of our state are in danger. A terrible scourge is in our midst. It is appalling.

Shall we awaken to our great opportunity at this time and do our part in having a Red Light Injunction and Abatement Law enated, and also in educating public sentiment so the law will be enforced and the public houses of prostitution banished from our state. The White Slave Traffic will cease to exist if there are no houses of prostitution; but it will not stop under the system of license and segregation. Money for this work sent in February or March will be acceptable; but the sooner sent the quicker the financial burden of this work will be lifted.

I hope that every union in the state has responded to the call made by the Berkeley W. C. T. U. relative to the drinking of alcoholic liquors at the State University, and that you will agitate this question in the churches and with other organizations. Now is the time for the W. C. T. U. all over the state to bring a pressure to bear upon those in authority so that conditions may be changed. This is the business of the homes of California. The state W. C. T. U. executive board in session January 3d endorsed the movement of the Berkeley union. In looking through the reports of our state superintendents to the national superintendents, I find only five that did not send their reports. I hope there may not be even one next year.

The National convention of 1911 is to meet in Milwaukee October 27— November 1st. I know you will be glad to learn that the National convention of 1912 is to meet at Portland, Oregon. We shall expect to have a full delegation and many visitors in attendance from our state. We want to make this event a great uplift to the cause of the W. C. T. U. on the Pacific Coast. I hope there may be a great ingathering of members during our coming Institute work. Strive to make your local organization just as large and strong as possible.

I hope the star membership plan may prove very helpful in the locals in securing members.

Our ranks have again been broken in the passing on of our dear Mrs. J. L. Everts of Santa Cruz, who for so many years has been such an earnest and devoted member of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. For many years she was our loved superintendent of the evangelistic department of the state. Her life was one of consecration to God and his service, and her Bible messages so carefully prepared and sweetly given were an inspiration to the workers in the local, county and state meetings. Personally I have received great spiritual help through her ministration.

Mrs. Everts was a woman of great energy and perseverance and carried out in her life the instruction in Paul's letter to Timothy "Study to show thyself approved of God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed." Her last public work for the state of which we were indeed proud, was at Mt. Hermon last summer where she read an excellent paper upon Cooperation of Missionary Societies. She was state superintendent of this department at the time of her death. Her presence was a benediction and we shall miss her from our midst; but the influence, of her life will remain with us.

We thank God for this beautiful life. Her favorite hymn was "My faith look up to Thee."

Yours lovingly,
SARA J. DORR.

Official.

When this letter reaches you your president and corresponding secretary will be at the legislature in the interest of our legislative work. Mr. John B. Hammond of Iowa will have commenced our campaign for a law in this state similar to the Iowa Red Light Abatement and Injunction Law which has practically wiped the white slave traffic and the public house of prostitution from the state of Iowa. This law is endorsed by such men as Judge Lindsay and David Starr Jordan. When we think of the hundreds of girls who would be saved from a life worse than death, we feel that we can hardly overestimate the importance of securing the passage of such a law. Without doubt the opposition will be strong, determined, unrelenting, conducted with all the skill and cunning of those who have grown rich by the ruin of our girls. In order to win against this mighty power it will be necessary to have the hearty co-operation of the women in our local unions from one end of the state to the other. This we feel assured we will have, and therefore, we go forward in the complete confidence that our work will be crowned with success.

Mr. Hammond comes to us highly recommended as an aggressive, fearless, energetic, and successful campaigner. Of the many legislative campaigns conducted by him, he has never lost but one; and that he insists is but a temporary defeat. When you see Mr. Hammond you will agree that any defeat can be to him only temporary. A very important part of Mr. Hammond's work will be the giving of addresses in the cities and larger towns of the state, and the success of these meetings will depend very largely upon the efforts of the local women who will have the responsibility of making the necessary arrangements for these meetings. We shall not be able in many cases to consult the locals as to the time when they can most conveniently arrange for Mr. Hammond, for the nature of his work will not admit of this, so we ask you now to be in readiness to arrange for these meetings whenever called upon. Literature explaining the law will be sent soon to the unions. Take those to your pastors

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and other leading citizens and secure their co-operation. Appoint your committee with power to act that you may be prepared for decisive action when the time comes.

At its last session the State Executive passed unanimously the following resolution:

Resolved, that while standing for nothing less than state and nation wide prohibition, we recognize local county option as a means of gaining dry ground, an educator of voters and an advance step toward our ultimate object, and, therefore, we indorse the local county option bill for the legislature of 1911.

On motion it was further decided to make the purity and local county option bills our special legislative work for this session. It was also decided to introduce a bill prohibiting the manufacture, importation and sale of cigarettes in this state. Ask voters, especially your prominent men to send telegrams and letters to your representatives in the legislature asking them to vote for these bills, and to use their influence for their passage. This work is of the greatest value and can be done by all of our members.

During the absence of the corresponding secretary from headquarters, Mrs. Iowa M. Holston will be in charge.

Yours for successful legislative work,

SARA J. DORR, President.
ANNA E. CHASE, Cor. Sec.

Medal Contests.

Mrs. A. E. Carman is preparing a contest to be called "The Frances E. Willard contest." This is especially suitable for a Memorial Day service, but can be used at any time. The special program and special book will not be ready for the Memorial Day of 1911, but will be ready as soon as possible. It is hoped that the receipts from this special program will go to help swell the organizing fund.

If you have no superintendent of this department, please appoint one at once and let the young people have the advantage of this educational work. Send to Miss Anna E. Chase, 3 City Hall Avenue, San Francisco, for books, medals, souvenirs, songs and drills. Send me the certificate which comes with the medals, properly filled out and signed, (be sure to give the gross and net receipts), with 35c for each contest held. Plan to hold a series of contests annually, and especially hold contest at the Institutes, L. T. L., or Franchise.

One plan coming from the National Convention is for each county to hold ten contests. I suggest that each union hold as many as possible, and especially a "Willard Memorial" contest on or near Memorial Day, Feb. 17, to help in the organizing fund, and secure the medal engraved "Frances E. Willard Memorial." The new design of medals will be made smaller and the gold medals are finer in quality and will cost a trifle more.

There are fifteen numbers of the National W. C. T. U. Educator and three numbers of the Demorest books; price 10c each. New books and new leaflets will be published soon. If you have any up-to-date orations please send them to me to be sent to the national superintendent for her approval.

If contest is held in a church exempt from taxes, take a free-will offering at the door. Advertise it so. Put your best women at the door. Put your announcements in each church the Sunday before the contest and request that it be read morning and evening, then publish it in weekly paper and once in the daily as a social item. Decorate the place; make everything attractive; be sure to have a flag somewhere; to the right of speakers have flower girls or boys.

A good plan to form a class is to get speakers from each Sunday school or Young People's society. The leaflet for original production, which I send, do not attempt to introduce in your schools if you have the prize essay work, as we must not conflict with that department; but it can be used with telling effect in Young People's societies. Be sure to report all such contests held, also all new members gained. Have speakers draw numbers for places in the class, and for this write your list of numbers on strips of paper, then clip almost to the edge so that you can break them apart.

Save clippings on temperance for little short quotations to be used for response when speakers are introduced by name. Be careful in securing the judges. If possible, they should be strangers to the entire class. And explain to the audience how the contestants are marked on the several different points.

The Medal is awarded to the one receiving the highest general average. Observe carefully rules of the "Do's" and "Dont's," "No. 11," also "No. 7," and send report of each contest as soon as held.

Let us make this the banner year and win national honors.

Wishing you success,

MRS. N. A. ROWELL,
State Superintendent.

Some Things for Reform.

As California Secretary of the International Reform Bureau, I have intended for some time to use the religious press to bring before the Christian people of the state some of the things for which you stand, and some of the methods of our work. The problems are not new nor are they ours, but the old question of how to make the gospel more effective and more abiding in its effects upon the individual and upon society by treating the evils that stand in the way of the work. The union of all spiritual and moral forces to bring about Christian reform is our program. Our relation to missions is vital as we strive to put away the white man's rum and opium from the heathen and uncivilized races of men, and as a "Sunday School Extension" agency, we try to reduce to a minimum the traps set for unwary feet thus tending and defending as well as feeding the lambs and sheep.

Frances E. Willard said, "We make Jesus Christ king when his will is made into human laws, when he comes to reign in the courts, camps and commerce of the state, the nation and the world." And this is the very task we set for ourselves, and for us all. We fight the "big four" evils of intemperance, impurity, sabbath desecration and brutal experts in city, state, nation and world by the ballot-box and letter-box.

May I now hold your attention for a few moments to things now on that must appeal to all of us. In the state of California, we have no Sunday law. We must have one before we can do any large or worthy thing for God in this splendid state, and some of us believe now is the time to strike for one. The "County Option Law" would clear one-half of the state of saloons, we must and will have that this winter. Our race gambling law needs an amendment against "oral betting," and we can get that by your help; and a more stringent law against prize fights and white slaving will surely come from this legislature if all good people will do their duty.

Now as to national measures which challange the attention of all good citizens, I name only three, "Miller-Curtis bill, to protect dry territory against wet goods; the "Burkett-Sims" bill against telegraphing race gambling odds and bets; and the "Walter Smith" bill against pictures and descriptions of prize fights being carried across state lines. Write or send a night letter to your Congressman and Senator, and tell them you favor all these bills. When we pray, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth", let us help bring it, and these are some of the ways in which we can do it.

There is a mighty cry going up to God in this nation today from the mothers whose sons and daughters are exposed to these preventable evils, and we must hear it as God hears it, and as "Workers together with Him," make it more and more "Easy for men to do good, and harder for them to do wrong."

Yours for a "Better world" here and now.

J. E. SQUIRES
California Secretary
International Reform Bureau
San Francisco, Dec. 24, 1910.

The Spanish government has issued a decree abolishing the licensing of houses of prostitution.

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WOODLAND, CAL., February, 1911

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WHITE, ON THE MAP—Maine, Kansas, North Dakota, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee.

State Convention—Stockton, October, 1911
National Convention—Milwaukee, Wis.

RED LETTER DAYS

February 10-17—Membership Week.
February 17—Memorial Day—Birthday of Frances E. Willard.

"Down the stream where the tide is clearer.
Farther on where the shores are fair,
Are the gracious forms we would fain be nearer,
The names we breathe in the voice of prayer.
Be the voyage long, they will be the dearer,
When after a while we shall greet them there.
Farther on, where the tide is clearer,
Down the stream where the shores are fair."

Mrs. J. L. Everts of Santa Cruz, for many years our state superintendent of Evangelistic Work, has gone to her reward after a long and well spent life

No one on our state board was more honored, or more beloved. Her Bible lessons at our gatherings were always helpful but more helpful was her sweet presence, her unfailing charity that brought all who came in contact with her into a closer touch with God and His work.

"I know the night is near, but I have had the day.
Yes, I have had, dear Lord, the day.
When at Thy call I have the night.
Brief be the twilight as I pass
From light to dark—from dark to light!"
S. WEIR MITCHELL.

Hughson union has held two very successful medal contests. They have also held a public meeting in the interest of universal peace.

Yolo county W. C. T. U. at a recent executive meeting planned institute work and also sent a remonstrance to President Wheeler in regard to the use of alcoholic liquor at the university.

Lindsay is to have an "Experience Social" at which each member is to pay her dollar into the treasury, and to tell in rhyme how she got it. Refreshments will be served and a silver offering taken.

Mrs. Margaret B. Pelton, our state superintendent of "Purity in Literature and Art", has been very ill since the Berkeley convention, and is now in the southern part of the state. Her address is 6185 Pasadena avenue, Los Angeles.

Oakdale union is in a battle to secure an ordinance against houses of ill-fame. They went before the town trustees with a strong petition, but it stirred the immoral element of the town to protest, and the question is still undecided.

We are always glad to hear good news from Nevada, and word comes that the union organized there last year by Mrs. Dorcas J. Spencer, is doing well. Goldfield also, is at work. We rejoice in their determination, and wish them ultimate success in doing away with the saloons.

The Richmond Y.'s were pleasantly entertained recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glover, by the honorary members of the Y. An excellent literary and musical program was given, and refreshments were served. The gentlemen proved themselves delightful hosts.

An essay contest was held recently in San Luis Obispo that had a remarkable ending. The contest was in the grammar and high school grades. A lad named Edwin Unangst won the high school prize and his young brother, Harold, took first place in the grammar grade. No one had any clue to the winners of the prizes until the two brothers presented their receipt cards.

Department of Legislation.

It is a pleasure for me to report the following names as county superintendents of Legislation: Mrs. H. M. Wright, Mrs. Gertrude Goodwin, Mrs. James, Mrs. Nora Lightner, Mrs. A. A. Newhall, Mrs. J. O. Davis, Mrs. Kate Mass, Mrs. L. B. Gray, Mrs. Grace Shaw, Mrs. Sara E. Ayres, Mrs. W. A. Marsh, Miss E. M. Drummond.

Nineteen counties have no superintendent. Please appoint now that letters and influence may be given to the following bills through your representatives in the legislature.

Bill for Local Option: Red Light Injunction and Abatement; Constitutional Amendment for the Enfranchisement of Women; State Training School for Girls, introduced by Senator Bennett, number 165; To Limit the Hours of Labor for Women Employed in any Manufacturing or Mercantile Establishment, Laundry, Hotel, Telegraph or Telephone to eight hours any one day, or more than forty-eight hours in one week. Assembly Bill 248; No Child under 18 years may be Employed in Street Trades between the Hours of 10 at night and 5 in the morning, Senate Bill 159; The Marriage Banns to be Published ten days before a License is given to Wed; Anti-Cigarette bill.

It is in my heart to make a plea for each of these bills but am sure that every who is alive to the interests and betterment of humanity will respond to their provisions.

BEAUMELLE STURTEVANT-PEET.

Debarred.

It is well to note the remarkable change and advance in the attitude of business men, firms and corporations as to the use of strong drink by their employees.

The drinking man is now excluded and debarred—

From employment in the army of millions of railroad employees.

From employment in manufacturing establishments.

From employment in department and other stores.

From employment in the profession of law.

From employment in medicine, teaching and the like.

From the immense army attending the colleges and professional schools.

From the innumerable host who are members in our different churches.

From employment by and association with all men in responsible positions.

From even being bar-keepers in saloons.

From the best society and the best homes.

But the drinking young man is admitted—

To every saloon and brothel in the land as a patron.

To every insane asylum and infirmary in the land, as a patient and patron, but not as helper, clerk or manager.

To jails, prisons and penitentaries, as criminals to pay penalty for that which was the result of intemperance.

There is only one logical conclusion: The young man who desires the best development physically, morally and spiritually; the best society; the best business opportunities, in a word, the best success in life, must be a total abstainer.

The above leaflet has been printed in the Chinese language and may be obtained at W. C. T. U. headquarters, 3 City Hall Ave., by sending return postage. I hope this leaflet may be freely circulated among Chinese young people.

LAURA P. WILLIAMS
Sup't. of Work among Chinese.

The Florence Crittenden Home, 942 Park Avenue, San Jose, California, stands ready to aid destitute, friendless women, especially young girls who having been betrayed from the path of virtue are willing to reform. Full information given interested parties.

SARA E. AYRES, Pres.
530 North Fourth st., San Jose, Cal.

Santa Clara County.

An interesting meeting of the Santa Clara county W. C. T. U. executive board was held last month in the African Antioch Baptist church, the president, Mrs. Effie D. Whitman in the chair. Our state president was also present.

The reports of superintendents showed that the work was moving on rapidly. Special stress was laid on the Anti-Narcotic work, and representatives from each union were asked to see that the town officials were urged to enforce the law against selling tobacco to minors.

Mrs. Estes and Mrs. Spencer were chosen institute leaders, and Mrs. Bainbridge, instructor in Scientific Temperance. Progress was reported in the work of the Medical Temperance department in the decreasing use of alcohol as a medicine.

After the board meeting a union was organized by Mrs. Fox of Los Gatos, one of our county organizers. This new union is comprised of seventeen ladies. Mrs. E. Hawkins, president; Mrs. J. B. McCall, secretary; Mrs. D. W. Boyer, treasurer. Each new officer made a few remarks, and the pastor of the church, Mr. Wiley, spoke for a few minutes, his words showing he is a worker for the betterment of humanity, and will do all in his power to raise high the standard of purity.

How many of us ever stop to think that the many stumps of cigars and cigarets we pass lying on the street are picked up by boys and men and smoked, or taken home and made into what is called French cigarets and sold for a big price.

Let us as W. C. T. U. workers do what we can against the making of these French cigarets and cigar stump smoking, by grinding the stumps of such in the earth with our heels, and if we look for such things we will be surprised to see how many we may destroy during a month's time. If you do this work, be sure and send a report to your county Anti-Narcotic superintendent. JESSIE E. KENYON.

Press Supt.

A Good Work.

A year ago our little union of Sanger, through the "White Ribbon Ensign," appealed to our sister unions for help to build a hall for our use.

A number of unions and individuals responded with contributions. There is not space to name each donor, but we desire to thank all who "helped build the hall."

You will be glad to know that the building is finished. It is fifty by one hundred feet and will seat 1400 people. We also have a piano half paid for.

Union revival meetings were held in which 436 were saved, and during the last two weeks six college boys under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, have been holding meetings, in which thirty-six have professed Christ. Our hall was christened with these meetings, and we are glad that they were to help the coming of Christ's Kingdom. The hall has a money value of $3,000, and is controlled by our union, which incorporated for that purpose.

We are now planning a Medal contest; twelve new members have been added to our union, we have worked against the saloons, and some have been closed, we hope through our efforts. We are proud to wear the white ribbon and take our valuable paper, the "Ensign." Pray for us in our struggle against the saloons.

MRS. AUGUSTA WALTON

Contra Costa County.

Contra Costa county has started on the new year in very good shape. The latter part of November and the early part of December we had a visit from our dear state president. She visited six of our unions gaining us some new members and giving us advice and words of cheer that were very helpful.

Our county executive board meeting was held in Richmond with a splendid attendance of members. A most bountiful lunch for every one was provided by the Richmond union. Mrs. Dorr was present and also spoke in the evening to a splendid audience.

Arrangements were made to hold a grand "Lincoln Rally" for temperance February 13th in Point Richman'. Everybody is to come and bring their lunch basket and their "best smile," and we promise them a good time, good cheer, and some good music and good addresses; the program will be out as soon as it can be arranged.

Bay Point union has great reason to feel proud of the work it has done the past three months. Bay Point was born a dry town, but for some time the members of the union were afraid they were to have a saloon or two, and that they might have some "blind pigs" in the town; so they wrote their troubles to the president and she at once sent them a petition of remonstrance against any license being granted for a saloon in the town of Bay Point. The active and honorary members of the union got most of the town's people on this remonstrance, placed it before the county board, and the matter has been tabled.

The county officers were informed that they must look after the matter of the "blind pig" and the result is that two men were arrested and fined.

Let us all rejoice with Bay Point and say, Praise the Lord for his goodness to us. County President

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The song of sympathy never comes until the singer has been to the school of sorrow.

Health and Heredity.

The time for institutes is at hand. The relation of food to temperance is one of the questions for consideration. That there is a close relation is true. Some one has said that cooks make more drunkards than saloons. It is an undoubted fact that many are started on the way to alcoholic drinking through the multiplied concoctions of the kitchen. This is a thought worth our attention. I trust you will all be on the lookout for all the information you can at the institutes on this line. A fine leaflet I would like you all to have, "Training the Appetite", is published by American Motherhood, 177 Main st, Cooperstown, N. Y. Price. 60 cents per hundred.

The little leaflet you had last year, "Food Economics," I have a supply of, 30 cents per hundred, they are right on our subject. I hope you will keep the leaflets, "The Remedial Value of Fruits and Vegetables," and "The Remedial Value of the Grape," moving along the line. I have them on hand at 50 and 40 cents per hundred, respectively.

MRS. O. J. WARD,
State Superintendent.

How to Make Meetings Interesting.

Mrs. Godfrey of Santa Cruz, gave recently a helpful paper on the above subject, from which I have made some extracts, hoping they may be of help to other unions.

In the first place, it is essential that every member be present, and present on time.

It is imperative that the local officers should attend every meeting, for business cannot be transacted so well when they are absent.

Have the meeting begin and end on time.

Have new members pay dues promptly.

Be systematic. If you wish to follow the suggested program, do so. If you do, go through your order of business first, and then take up the regular program. If you want to kill a meeting either do not go, or else go late; but if too wet, or too dry; too hot, or too cold, don't go at all.

Press Superintendent.

The use of injurious drugs among persons who have become slaves to them is being greatly curtailed in California, according to the report of the State Board of Pharmacy. For selling poisons without a prescription from a physician there were 184 arrests during the past year. These resulted in 121 convictions, 36 compromises, 13 dismissals, 5 postponements of judgment. A chinaman in Stockton, upon the fifth conviction was fined $100.

University Drink Evil.

Dear Ensign:

I am requested to enlighten our white ribboners through your paper, regarding the efforts put forth by the Berkeley union through its president, Mrs. Slater, to have liquor serving and drinking eliminated from the state University campus.

This fight began, when some weeks ago a protest against the proposed "beer bust" at a class function, was sent to the president of the university, by the union here through its legislative superintendent, Mrs. J. O Davis.

She also notified the Marshal, and Vollmer promptly notified the classmen that they would be infringing upon the prohibition law here if they held it. The temperance student members likewise raised a strong protest, there was much acrimonious feeling expressed, but the "bust" failed to materialize.

Later Mrs. Slater addressed a courteous letter to President Wheeler urging that liquors be eliminated from the faculty club, the fraternities and class functions.

To this, his excellency sent, through his secretary, a reply couched in diplomatic phrases, but evasively ignoring the issue. The correspondence was continued with no definite results.

The union then, through its committee, formulated, and sent circular letters to the unions and individuals over the state, requesting that letters be sent to the head of the university, the governor, and board of regents, calling their attention to the matter, and urging that action be taken, and the required relief be granted.

The result, so far, has been a stirring up of interest among the unions, some letters written to the committee commending the action of the unions, with promises of further activity on the subject. As to how many missives have been sent to the head of the unviersity, or the regents, we have no means of knowing but it is presumed "not a few."

Since the arrival in Berkeley of yours truly, she has been added to the committee, also has been honored with the office of legislative superintendent. Whether this addition adds any appreciable weight to the aforementioned committee remains to be developed, but heart and soul she is interested in this move of such vital importance, and is praying most heartily for its success.

The next step is the question which has been borne in on us, and now, just at the set time, President Jordan makes a speech at a club banquet over in the city, telling just how he grasped the situation at his university, and proclaimed a law that intoxicants should be banished from the campus, fraternities, banquets, class gatherings, in short, liquors and kindred evils should be banished from the university environments, and then maintained a strict enforcement of his enactment.

Would that every word of his startling and convincing address could be reproduced in this paper, but a few must suffice. He declared that drinking had become so disgraceful, that at one time 200 students from U. C. and Stanford were drunk on the campus, and all the fraternity houses, save three, were open saloons all the same night.

He told how the "Student's Affairs Committee, were unable to cope with the evil, how they resigned, and the prohibition law following endorsed by the board of trustees.

This, declared Dr. Jordan, has resulted in a better state of things than has ever prevailed before at the university, and the class room markings are fifty per cent higher under this new regime, and nothing would induce him to return to the old conditions.

President Jordan is a man of high principles, and standards, and has the courage of his convictions. He says, "We are simply doing at Stanford, in following out these drastic measures what every college and university has to come to, if it does its duty. All those institutions where they have no trouble of this kind, is because they pay no attention to it."

Now, it is high time "attention" was paid to the drinking going on at our state university. It has too long been a scandal and a plague spot on its reputation, and the cause of the ruin of many a youth who has been sent by confiding parents to the supposed clean environments of the state institution.

Let parents who are interested write letters to President Wheeler and the board of regents, demanding that rigid prohibition rules be enacted, and as has been done at Stanford, make it a safe place to send their boys and girls. Let every one who has the best interest of our students at heart write tactful letters to the same, keep this up until abatement of present evils is accomplished.

M. H. CARTRIGHT,
Berkeley Supt. Legislation and Law Enforcement.

An Indictment Against War.

The spending of money for armaments, the borrowing of enormous sums, and shouldering the debt upon future generations to be taken in taxes from the peasants, is something more than a question of finance—it is a moral question. The placing of a tyrannous burden upon the poor of future generations is only one of the indictments to be brought against war.—David Starr Jordan.

Many a man thinks his life is clouded over when the truth is he is burying his head in the steam of his own sighings.

Membership Star Plan.

The "Membership Star" plan which has been adopted by the state executive board of the California Woman's Christian Temperance Union to be used in the state this year.

At the close of the state W. C. T. U. year a badge will be given each one who has gained any members during the year; a gold star will be placed on the badge for each active member; a silver star for each honorary member. A certificate from the local treasurer must be presented to the chairman by September 1st stating the member for whom you have paid dues. A blue star will be added for each new union organized. A public speaker is only eligible for the blue star, except when she secures members for her own local union. In a public meeting when names are secured the stars will be given to those who collect the dues.

PREMIUMS.

To the county making the greatest net gain in membership $5.00 worth of literature.

To the county making the greatest per cent gain in membership $5.00 worth of literature.

To the local union making the greatest gain in membership five copies of the Union Signal.

To the local union making the second greatest gain, three copies of the Union Signal.

To the local union making the third greatest gain in membership, two copies of the Union Signal.

The "Star Membership" plan can be carried on in conjunction with the Model Membership Contest if so desired.

Rules of Model Membership Contest in State Minutes, page 107.

M. A. REICHENBACH,
Oakdale, Cal. Chairman Committee.

CALIFORNIA W. C. T. U. STAR PLAN CERTIFICATE

Date.....

This certifies that.....

paid $.....for.....new.....member.

Union.....County.....

Signed.. .....

Local Treasurer.

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MRS. MARY BOSWORTH CLARKE,
Secretary
895 University ave., San Jose

Dear Co-workers:

I am so glad to be able to report a new Y organized in San Francisco. This has been brought about by the earnest and persistent efforts of the faithful Y superintendent of Frances Williard union, Mrs. Clara E. Bittenbender. This Y has arranged to have a Pledge Signing Day, on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 12th. We hope to have a report of the meeting for next month Ensign. I am glad to send you this month an excellent report from the Richmond Y which shows that good work for temperance is being done by this young organization. The report comes from the pastor of the First Christian church of Richmond, son of a faithful member of the W. C. T. U., and himself an honorary member of the Y. The report is given below.

There is no department of our work in which the Y. could do better work it seems to me, than in that of Anti-Narcotics. No one has more influence over young men than the young women, and if we could only get our girls to take the right stand in this matter, it would go a long ways towards lessening the use of tobacco. Besides, are they not to be the future mothers of boys, and if they are well informed as to its evil effects, especially in the form of cigarettes, will they not do everything in their power to keep their boys from ever beginning the habit. I wish to call attention to what is called "Home Training Bulletin No. 1, The Cigarette Smoking Boy." This, with others on kindred topics, is published by William A. Keever, Professor of Philosophy in the Kansas Agricultural College, and is one of the best things I know of to put into the hands of parents and young people, to open their eyes to the dire effects of this evil, and I would recommend that our Y. wherever possible, send for some of these bulletins and circulate them among the people of their community. These bulletins may be had by sending to Prof. Wm. A. McKeever, Manhattan, Kansas. The price is one cent per copy, postage prepaid when ordered in quantity.

Next month I will have something to say about how to put money into the Y. treasury to make possible the purchase of literature to distribute, which is one of the best ways to do temperance work.

Yours for the cause.
MARY BOSWORTH CLARKE.

REPORT OF RICHMOND Y.

We have worked upon the principle that young people enjoy a social time, and every meeting is enlivened by the best program we can get. Whatever else may be placed on that program, we are always sure that there is something which pertains directly to the evils of the saloon and intemperance. We do not mince matters. We aim to hit the line hard. And when we do, instead of backing down the young people clap their hands and wait for more.

There are some interesting facts about our Y. One is that we have as many young men as young women, and they attend the meetings, too. Last time the young men had the program in charge. They furnished a fine musical and literary program, and as a star feature, gave twenty-five minutes to Rev. J. S. Thomas, of the Anti-Saloon League. The time before that was given to an original essay contest on the topic, "The Richmond Saloon Problem." Five papers were read, and two prizes awarded from the funds of the society, a first prize of $2.50 and a second one of $1.00. Much of the success depends on the active work of the meeting committee.

FRED S. NEWSOM.

A Crusade.

Is it not time for the Woman's Christian Temperance Union to begin a crusade against a magazine that has found its way to many of our tables? A magazine that stands not for the 'ideal woman; but the woman of one hundred years ago, who felt she was out of her "sphere", if she attempted to do anything outside of

'Fitting and sewing the braids and bows
Around and over her children's clothes.

Mr. Bok. in the Ladies' Home Journal, stands for nothing higher than hobbled brains and hobbled petticoats. He is opposed to equal rights for women and to women's organizations. In the late suffrage campaign in Washington, his opinions were the ones circulated against the question. He has persistently misrepresented the effect of women voting in the suffrage states, and has published over and over again misleading and malicious stories.

There is "method in his madness," however, for he has coined money out of us credulous women receiving his skim milk opinions, and allowing our children to use them as a mental pabulum; but has the time not come for us to call a halt, and put before our children papers that hold a higher standard for women?

Let every woman of our organization voice her opinion against Mr. Bok's paper in a protest to him, and also a withdrawal of her patronage. E. H.

Notice.

During the session of the legislature, the address of our president, Mrs. Sara J. Dorr, and that of Miss Anna E. Chase, will be 1316 Tenth st., Sacramento. Phone number Main 3129.

The supervisors of Lake county have lately revoked 14 saloon licenses in territory that voted dry.

L. T. L. COLUMN

MRS. MARY F. GILLEY, State General Secretary.
830 Church st., San Francisco

DEAR LEGIONERS:—

We are often told that we should speak only of the encouragements and not of the discouragements, but if the latter only come from a lack of true conditions they can be easily remedied.

You know we, or at least I, have been working for an increased subscription to the Crusader Monthly, but the last few months this list has been steadily going down until today it has reached low water mark. Instead of reaching our aim—1000 subscribers—it stands at 500. Now, what are you going to do about it? The paper has come out in a new dress and has a new name, or rather, it has taken back its old name "The Young Crusader," and has several new features. One of the best, in my opinion, is the publishing of "The King and His Wonderful Castle" as a serial. This is the book recommended by our National leaders for our junior Loyal Temperance Legions with children under ten years of age. There are to be good helps for primary teachers, both in our public and our Bible schools. New songs and recitations will appear from month to month. The subscription price is but twenty cents in clubs of six, or for each club of five at twenty-five cents each you may secure a free premium subscription. I will send a sample copy to any one asking me for it.

I hope our L. T. L. will observe the Frances Willard Memorial Day this month—take an offering and send it to Mrs. Holston, clearly stating the object for which it is given. It is none too soon to be preparing for the part you are going to take in the coming W. C. T. U. institutes. Columbia's Call is very easily gotten up and quite entertaining.

Ukiah has a new legion with Mrs. Picon as leader. They have twenty members and take sixteen copies of Young Crusader.

The Maud B. Booth, Jr., L. T. L. of San Francisco gave a very successful entertainment in January to raise money to purchase new song books.

Hoping soon to hear from each union, I am yours for loving service,

MARY F. GILLEY.

Governor Baldwin, who is the first Democrat to occupy the executive office in Connecticut since 1895, in his inaugural address, January 4th, advocated legislation providing for the extension of the ballot to women, saying there had been a revolution of property relations between husband and wife and that "taxation without representation does not seem to be in harmony with our republican institutions."

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per cent of the voters ask for another election and at such election the majority vote in favor of license.

All the provisions of law, penal or otherwise, applicable to a general state election, or to a municipal election shall apply to special elections held, under this act, in county and city.

No physician shall give to or write for, any well person, any prescription for alcoholic liquors, either separately or compounded with other ingredients.

All druggists in no-license territory who keeps or dispenses liquors must file monthly statements with the county clerk giving the kind and quantity of liquors received during the previous month, the date or dates on which it was received, and from whom purchased; also a sworn statement of the liquors sold, the kind and quantity in each sale, the date, the name of the purchaser and the name of the physician who issued it. These statements to be kept on file by the county clerk for at least two years, open to public inspection.

One of tne provisions of the bill is that when a contest of a local option election is brought, while such contest is pending and until it is decided, the force and effect of the election shall be the same as if it had not been contested.

The penalty for violation of the provisions of this act is a fine of six hundred dollars or by imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding seven months or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Systematic Giving.

I hope each county and local superintendent is planning to help your state superintendent advance this department this coming year.

The amount raised through the envelope plan last year was more than double the amount raised the year before, which goes to prove what can be done if we would all give systematically, not alone of our money but of our time and talents also.

Inasmuch as this line of work is to be discussed at the institutes, I hope you will see to it that every woman, especially the members of the union, shall have something to say on the subject. I want to suggest that the superintendent, leader or the one appointed to conduct that part of the program, arrange a blackboard exercise. Put the number of members in your union on the board; figure out for them what the sum total would be for one year if every member would give ten cents each week, or five, or even one cent. We all know figures don't lie, and it seems to me that this is the most convincing argument that can be produced. Have plenty of envelopes on hand to distribute; see to it that every member takes one. We realize that this plan of raising money is very unpopular; but we firmly believe that the plan of systematic and proportionate giving will have to be adopted by the W. C. T. U., if we ever expect our work to be a financial success. Do not fail to ask for bequests: we surely have some women in our organization who will want to give of their means to help carry on their work after they have passed on to the other world.

All memorial or life memberships and the Willard Memorial proceeds should be reported through this department. Our national president urges that every local union observe Willard Memorial Day. It is the local superintendent's duty to plan and arrange for this meeting along with the local president. Try to have an as interesting a meeting as possible. Let each local superintendent call a special meeting, opening the envelopes as near to September first as convenient. Arrange a short program, open your envelopes and count the money. One-half remains in the local treasury; the other half goes to the state. The local superintendent reports all money raised to her county superintendent and if there is none, to the state. All money raised for state work, should be sent direct to state treaaurer, but send your reports to me.

I want to ask every superintendent to get a copy of the state minutes and on page 112, read by-laws one, two, and three, and act accordingly; by so doing you can help your superintendent make a better report this year than she did this past year. On page 122 in the the state minutes you will find a form of bequest.

Let each gladly do her part and good results are sure to follow.

LIZZIE WOLFE,
State Superintendent.

Treasurer's Notice.

Many of the unions have sent donations for the Legislative fund. Has your's?

February 17th is "Willard Memorial Day". All unions are requested to hold meetings and send the collection to the state treasurer; $2.00 for the National organizing fund, and the balance for the state organizing fund. Let us make a special feature of the state organizing fund this year, and so enable the lecture bureau to send organizers into many of the unorganized counties and towns, and thus enlarge our borders.

If you are not receiving the "White Ribbon Ensign" this year it must be because your dues are not paid or at least have not reached the state treasurer. Please send dues each month when collected.

If all pledges made at the state convention, can be sent to the treasurer soon, it will be greatly appreciated, and will help to pay our bills.

I wish you all a prosperous New Year.

IOWA M. HOLSTON.

Get Together.

By all means get together. It was a fine idea to bring together last month in San Francisco, the leaders of thought and action, from fifteen counties, representing all that makes for civic righteousness, to consider and agree upon a course of legislative action which shall promote the cause for which we stand.

As a result of that meeting, all the forces there represented stand pledged to work for the local county option bill now before the legislature. Our recent state executive indorsed the bill "as a means of gaining dry ground, of educating voters, and an advance step toward our ultimate object, state and nation wide prohibition," so, now it is up to us who stand in the ranks, to get together without loss of time and do the work that will help to push the bill. Is there a woman among us who cannot see that some man of her acquaintance writes to a member of the legislature asking "his vote and influence for this measure." That is all you have to ask. Tell him what bill you mean. Let us make the good men sent to Sacramento feel that their efforts for good will be appreciated, give them showers of letters that will demonstrate that at last the temperance people and reformers generally are getting together to lead the procession.

It cannot be said that women cannot get together, witness at every change of season, the changes of headgear, how with one consent the big hats have crowned all our heads, and a general scantiness of drapery follows the beckoning of the hobble skirt, and quite too often the fashion journals that dictate these anomalies carry into our homes the most false statements in regard to the reforms to which our lives are pledged. These misrepresentations are attractively presented, and do untold mischief. Shall we not get our ideas together on this matter—and if we must have fashion books—which no one questions, see that we take none that are giving false or belittling estimates of moral questions. When we get together socially, discuss this proposition. Yes, that is the point of the get together idea—its social value, magnify that.

A Bible class had a fine social evening recently—at which every one had a good time; result—their usual place of meeting was crowded full the next Sunday. This suggestion is passed on to the unions that have dull meetings poorly attended. Give a good social free and easy parlor meeting. Be as careful of their pleasure as if it was a purely personal hospitality and see if you do not add to interest, and increase in numbers.

Another victory for equal suffrage. Vancouver, just across the border from Washington has extended municipal suffrage to married women. The widows and single women had it before.